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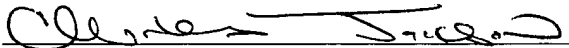
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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65. An apparatus for fabricating a powder, preferably an ultrafine powder,  
comprising:  
a heater for providing a heated zone;  
an aerosol generator for generating an aerosol comprising droplets of a material  
solution;  
a charge applicator for applying a positive or negative charge to the aerosol  
droplets;  
a nozzle unit in communication with the aerosol generator for delivering the  
aerosol to the heated zone, the nozzle unit including at least one outlet through which a directed  
flow of the aerosol is in use delivered and at least one electrode; and  
a high voltage supply for generating an electric field between the heated zone and the at least one  
electrode such that the directed aerosol flow is in use attracted towards the heated zone where the  
aerosol droplets react homogeneously in the gas phase to form a powder.

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A12 Page 5/7, please delete Fig. 8.

NE Page 5/7, please renumber Figure 9 as Figure 7.

A13 Page 6/7, please renumber Figures 10(a) and (b) as Figures 8(a) and (b).

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